

ABSTRACT

An image forming apparatus of the present invention disclosed is of the type sequentially transferring toner images from a plurality of photoconductive drums to a sheet 5 being conveyed by an image transfer belt or an intermediate image transfer belt one above the other with bias applying members to thereby form a composite color image. Backup rollers, contacting the inside surface of the belt, each have volumetric resistivity of  $10^9 \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$  or above and 10 ten-point mean surface roughness  $R_z$  of  $6 \mu\text{m}$  or above.